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 The Gera railroad sub-district office will be deactivated.

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The northern portion of RBD Berlin will be split between the Schwerin and Greifswald railroad districts.

- c. The changes in Reichsbahnaemter boundaries were scheduled to go into effect at 2200 on 2 January 1955. It was still ~~not known~~ if the Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin border stations would continue to belong to RBD Berlin.

2. It was learned that effective 1 January 1955, RBD Berlin will transfer the minor railroad repair shop at Brandenburg, the Brandenburg main railroad station and the Altstaedter Bahnhof railroad station to RBD Magdeburg.¹ On 1 April 1955, the Reichsbahnaemter of RBD Berlin are scheduled to be deactivated and the staff of RBD Berlin is to be increased accordingly.

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3. Effective 2 January 1955, railroad subdistrict office No. 5 (Wustermark) will be dissolved and subordinated to railroad subdistrict office No. 6 (Pankow).³

4. On 2 January 1955, the following changes in railroad boundaries went into effect in the area of RBD Berlin:

a. Berlin - Gaesten Railroad Line

The area of RBD Berlin terminates at Beelitz-Heilstaetten; the Beelitz-Heilstaetten - Wiesenburg railroad line section was turned over to RBD Magdeburg.

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The area of RBD Berlin terminates at Verder. The Verder-Mirchhoeeser railroad line section was ceded to RBD Magdeburg.

c. Berlin - Rathenow Railroad Line

The area of RBD Berlin terminates at Wustermark; the area from Wustermark as far as Rathenow was ceded to RBD Magdeburg.

d. Berlin/Goerlitzer-Bahnhof - Luebben Railroad Line

The area of RBD Berlin terminates at Koenigswusterhausen; the Koenigswusterhausen - Brand line section was ceded to RBD Cottbus.

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a. Frankfurt/Oder - Wriezen - Altranft - Eberswalde Railroad Line

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At Altranft originates the track leading to the new border crossing point under construction in this area. 4

b. The Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin border stations will remain under the administration of RBD Berlin.

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No information was available on the dissolution of additional railroad subdistrict offices. 5

5. Effective 1 January 1955, the area of RBD Berlin will be reduced to approximately half its former size. The southwestern portion will be transferred to RBD Magdeburg, the southern portion to RBD Halle, and the eastern portion to Frankfurt/Oder (?). The Bautzen area previously belonging to RBD Dresden will be transferred to RBD Cottbus, the Gera area previously belonging to RBD Erfurt will be transferred to RBD Dresden, and the Zeitz area previously belonging to RBD Dresden will be transferred to RBD Halle. 1

6. On 27 December 1954, it was learned that the Halberstadt railroad subdistrict office ~~would~~ be deactivated effective 1 January 1955 and that RBD Magdeburg ~~would~~ be enlarged by about the following areas:

Rathenow as far as the point shortly before Wustermark;
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4. Comment. This statement refers to the reconstruction of the single-track Wriezen-Neuruednitz railroad line and the Oder River bridge at Zaeckeritz-Neuruednitz. The two installations are scheduled to be completed in 1955. The completion of the bridge will establish a new railroad crossing over the Oder River.
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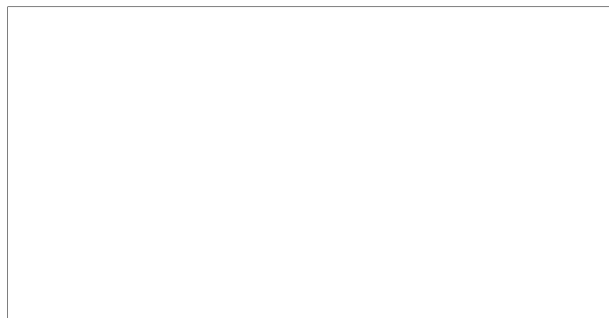
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